

## FRIDAY — ACTIVITY

Fill in the missing words from the following Scripture verses.

The troubles of my \_\_\_\_\_ heart \_\_\_\_\_ are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses.

Consider my \_\_\_\_\_ affliction \_\_\_\_\_ and my trouble, and \_\_\_\_\_ forgive \_\_\_\_\_

all my sins. — Psalm 25:17-18

Oh give \_\_\_\_\_ thanks \_\_\_\_\_ to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast \_\_\_\_\_ love \_\_\_\_\_ endures forever! Who can utter the mighty deeds of the LORD, or declare all his praise? \_\_\_\_\_ Blessed \_\_\_\_\_ are they who observe justice, who do \_\_\_\_\_ righteousness \_\_\_\_\_ at all times! Remember me, O LORD, when you show favor to your people; help me when you \_\_\_\_\_ save \_\_\_\_\_ them. — Psalm 106:1-4

Therefore, since we have been \_\_\_\_\_ justified \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ faith \_\_\_\_\_, we have \_\_\_\_\_ peace \_\_\_\_\_ with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this \_\_\_\_\_ grace \_\_\_\_\_ in which we stand, and we rejoice in \_\_\_\_\_ hope \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ glory \_\_\_\_\_ of God. — Romans 5:1-2

Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your \_\_\_\_\_ faith \_\_\_\_\_! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was \_\_\_\_\_ healed \_\_\_\_\_ instantly.  
— Matthew 15:28

Remember your \_\_\_\_\_ mercy \_\_\_\_\_, O LORD, and your \_\_\_\_\_ steadfast love \_\_\_\_\_, for they have been from of old. Let not my \_\_\_\_\_ enemies \_\_\_\_\_ exult over me. Redeem \_\_\_\_\_ Israel \_\_\_\_\_, O God, out of all his troubles. — Psalm 25:6, 2b, 22



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# Lambs at Pasture™

Reminiscere — The Second Sunday of Lent

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## INTROIT

*Psalm 25:1-2a, 7-8, 11; antiphon: Psalm 25:6, 2b, 22*

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,  
**for they have been from of old.**

Let not my enemies exult over me.

**Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.**

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

**O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame.**

Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
**according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!**

Good and upright is the LORD;  
**therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

For your name’s sake, O LORD;  
**pardon my guilt, for it is great.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,  
**for they have been from of old.**

Let not my enemies exult over me.

**Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.**

## DAILY READINGS & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### MEMORY VERSE

*Psalm 25:6, 2b, 22*

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Let not my enemies exult over me. Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

**HYMN OF THE WEEK:** LSB #615 — When in the Hour of Deepest Need

### CATECHISM CONNECTION:

The Third Petition of the Lord’s Prayer with Explanation

### COLLECT OF THE WEEK

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## DID YOU KNOW?

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The second Sunday in Lent is also known as *Reminiscere*, which, in Latin, means: “Remember (O Lord)”. This is the opening phrase of the Introit – “Remember, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy loving kindnesses; for they have been ever of old” (Psalm 25:6 KJV).

**Sanctification** is the process of becoming holy, that is, spiritual growth which follows justification. We are justified through Jesus’ death on the cross. By believing—having faith that Jesus paid the price for our sins, we are led to lead holy lives.

## MONDAY — THE PSALM

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Read Psalm 121

What do the hills in verse 1 reference?

We are to “look” to the Lord.

What “help” does the Lord provide in this psalm?

The Lord provides everything we need (daily bread) for our good. He is always on guard (protects us from evil) and will not sleep (God is continually taking care of us and does not rest). God is our Keeper and Creator (we are His as He made us).

Review *Luther’s Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 231 (page 198)

## TUESDAY — THE OLD TESTAMENT

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Read Genesis 32:22–32

Who did Jacob take with him across ford of the Jabbok?

Jacob “took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children”.

What name did the Man give Jacob?

Israel (a hebrew name meaning “he who struggles with God”)

## WEDNESDAY — THE GOSPEL

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Read Matthew 15:21–28

Why was the Canaanite woman asking for Jesus’ help?

Her daughter was possessed by a demon.

Explain how the woman is like a dog (verse 27).

Just as a dog begs for food from its master’s table, the woman is begging for the Lord to heal her daughter.

## THURSDAY — THE EPISTLE

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Read 1 Thessalonians 4:1–7

What is meant by “how you ought to walk and to please God” (verse 1)?

Verse 1 is referring to the Law.

“God uses His Law in three ways: to maintain external discipline in society, to lead us to recognize our sin, and to guide Christians so that they will know what is pleasing to Him. These three functions, or uses, of the Law are often described as a curb, mirror, and a rule.” (McCain, Paul Timothy, W. H. T. Dau, and F. Bente. *Concordia: the Lutheran Confessions: A Reader’s Edition of the Book of Concord*. St. Louis, MO: Concordia Pub. House, 2006. Page 485.

What specific instruction is given by the Lord (verse 3)?

We are to “abstain from sexual immorality.”

Which Commandment addresses sexual morality?

The Sixth Commandment: You shall not commit adultery.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

Review *Luther’s Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 44 (page 73) and question 215 (pages 186–187)

## Optional Reading & Discussion Questions

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Romans 5:1–5

What does it mean to be justified by faith?

It is through God’s grace (undeserved love and mercy) He sent His begotten Son to justify (save) us. Through Jesus’ death on the cross, we are now seen as holy (without sin). It is our faith in God’s promise, not works (things that we do), that gives us salvation (eternally with God).

## CATECHISM CONNECTION

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What is the connection of the Third Petition of the Lord’s Prayer and *Reminiscere*?

The purpose of prayer is not to conform God’s will to our will, but to shape our will to His will and to receive everything from Him as a gift.

The Third Petition: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

What does this mean? The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

How is God’s will done? God’s will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful manner, which do not want us to hallow God’s name or let His Kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.